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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Vittorio Castelli, et al.

TITLE : **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION OF TRAILING EDGE DELETION IN IMAGE FORMING SYSTEMS**

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**AMENDMENT D**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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